

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 (Paper No. 9). Upon entry of this response, claims 1-10 and 26-33 are pending in the application. In this response, claims 11-25 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments being filed herewith be entered and request that there be reconsideration of all pending claims.

1. **Examiner Interview**

A telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative, Karen G. Hazzah, took place on October 20, 2004. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time. The Examiner suggested several amendments which he indicated would make the claims patentable over the cited references: in claim 11, amending from "re-terminating the call from the component" to "re-terminating the call from the component to the subscriber;" and in claims 21 and 26, "re-terminating the call in accordance with the member information" to "re-terminating the call in accordance with the member information to the subscriber." The Examiner also suggested several amendments to claim 11 to clarify wording: amending the preamble from "call" to "calls" and amending "a member of a subscriber" to "a member of a multi-member subscriber." Applicants' representative indicated the client would be consulted to determine if these suggested amendments are acceptable.

2. **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and 26-33. Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 11-25 in this response, and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

3. Rejection of Claims 11, 12, and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 11, 12, and 15-18 have been rejected under §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by *Rogers et al.* (U.S. 6,785,379). Claims 11, 12, and 15-18 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and the rejection of these claims is therefore rendered moot. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

4. Rejection of Claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under §103(a) as allegedly obvious over *Rogers et al.* (U.S. 6,785,379) in view of *Pershan* (U.S. 2002/0034289). Claims 13 and 14 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and the rejection of these claims is therefore rendered moot. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

5. Rejection of Claims 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 19 and 20 have been rejected under §103(a) as allegedly obvious over *Rogers et al.* (U.S. 6,785,379) in view of *Parker* (U.S. 5,661,791). Claims 19 and 20 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and the rejection of these claims is therefore rendered moot. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early

allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

6. Rejection of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 21 has been rejected under §103(a) as allegedly obvious over *Rogers et al.* (U.S. 6,785,379) in view of *Carrion et al.* (U.S. 6,611,585). Claim 21 is cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and the rejection of these claims is therefore rendered moot. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

7. Rejection of Claims 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 22-25 have been rejected under §103(a) as allegedly obvious over *Rogers et al.* (U.S. 6,785,379) in view of *Carrion et al.* (U.S. 6,611,585) and further in view of *Parker* (5,661,791). Claims 22-25 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer, and the rejection of these claims is therefore rendered moot. Applicants take this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if Applicants so choose, and do not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and presently pending claims 1-10 and 26-33 be allowed to issue. Although some dependent claim rejections and some obviousness rejections are explicitly addressed above, the omission of arguments for other claims is not intended to be construed as an implied admission that Applicants agree with the rejection or finding of obviousness for the respective claim or claims. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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